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1. FIFTH COMMITTEE PROCEEDINGS DURING 3RD MEETING FRIDAY
MORNING APRIL 21 WERE CHARACTERIZED BY HEAVY LOBBYING
AGAINST A BACKDROP OF POLITICALLY TINGED DEBATE. NORWAY,
CO-SPONSORS OF ITS RESOLUTION, SEVERAL WESTERN DELEGATIONS
AND USDEL ACTIVELY WORKED TO DISCOURAGE INTRODUCTION
OF SEPARATE POLITICAL RESOLUTIONS - EITHER NON-ALIGNED
(CUBA AND PLO PRINCIPAL DRAFTERS) OR AMBASSADOR BISHARA'S

TEXT (USUN 1495). US CONCENTRATED ON MAJOR CONTRIBUTORS (UK, FRG, JAPAN), CANADA, AUSTRALIA, MEXICO, INDIA, PAKISTAN, TANZANIA AND ASSORTED ARAB DELEGATIONS. AS SESSION BEGAN, KASSAI (HUNGARY) TOLD USDEL TROYANOVSKY HAD BEEN GIVEN DISCRETION TO DECIDE BETWEEN ABSTENTION AND NO VOTE BY SOVIETS ON NORWEGIAN DRAFT RESOLUTION.

2. ABOUT MID-MORNING, SOVIETS BEGAN LOBBYING G-77 DELEGATIONS. USDEL LEARNED FROM SANDIFER (PORTUGAL) THAT SOVIETS HAD ASKED LAOTIANS TO INTRODUCE AMENDMENTS TO NORWEGIAN DRAFT RESOLUTION. SOON THEREAFTER, UK DEL (STUART) PICKED UP RUMORS THAT PARAGRAPH BY PARAGRAPH VOTING ON NORWEGIAN DRAFT RESOLUTION WOULD BE REQUESTED. NEGATIVE SENTIMENTS MOUNTED RAPIDLY IN REACTION TO EACH OF THESE RUMORS. THE ACCUMULATED DISAFFECTION OF THE RUMORS PROBABLY HELPED TO DISCOURAGE BACKERS OF THE BISHARA TEXT FROM PUSHING IT. LEBANON HAD CONDITIONED ITS CONCURRENCE TO THE INTRODUCTION OF THE BISHARA TEXT ON THE REQUIREMENT THAT IT SHOULD GARNER MORE FAVORABLE VOTES THAN THE NORWEGIAN DRAFT RESOLUTION. THE MAGNITUDE OF THIS IMPOSSIBILITY BECAME EVIDENT ONCE THE NORWEGIAN DRAFT RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED BY A VERY STRONG MAJORITY. ALL EFFORTS TO INTRJECT A POLITICAL RESOLUTION WERE THEN DROPPED.

3. EASTERN EUROPEANS WERE IN DOUBT ABOUT SOVIET VOTE
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UNTIL SHORTLY BEFORE BALLOTING. AFTER ANNOUNCING NEGATIVE VOTE AND NON-PAYMENT OF ASSESSED COST FOR UNIFIL, ABRESCEWSKI (POLAND) APPROACHED USDEL AND EXPLAINED THAT FINANCE MINISTRY OBJECTED STRONGLY TO ASSESSMENT RATE SET FOR POLAND. GIVEN POLAND'S POLITICAL RESERVATIONS ABOUT ISRAELI ACTION IN LEBANON, FINANCE MINISTRY'S OBJECTIONS BECAME GOVERNING. YOUNG

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